

Please amend the claims as follows:

~~14. (Twice Amended) An ointment consisting of acetyl salicylic acid in the range of about 0.001 to 30% by weight per total weight and a base selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon gel, petrolatum and a mixture thereof without any other additive for said acetyl salicylic acid and wherein the ointment does not contain water for dissolving said acetyl salicylic acid.~~

~~18. (Amended) The ointment of claim 14, consisting of acetyl salicylic acid and a base selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon gel, petrolatum and a mixture thereof without any other additive for destroying the stability of said acetyl salicylic acid and wherein the ointment does not contain water for dissolving said acetyl salicylic acid.~~

Please add the following new claims:

~~--21. (NEW) The ointment of claim 14, wherein the content of acetyl salicylic acid is in the range of about 0.01 to 20% by weight per total weight.~~

~~22. (NEW) The ointment of claim 14, wherein the content of acetyl salicylic acid is in the range of about 0.05 to 15% by weight per total weight.~~

23. (NEW) The ointment of claim 14, wherein the base is
petrolatum.

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com 24. (NEW) The ointment of claim 23, wherein the petrolatum is
selected from the group consisting of white petrolatum and yellow
petrolatum.

25. (NEW) The ointment of claim 14, wherein the base is
hydrocarbon gel.--